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Parsha: Vezot HaBracha

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Mindblower!!!!

If athletes are disqualified for using performance-enhancing drugs in competitions, then why are women allowed to use makeup in beauty contests?

Awesome Aliyah

Aliyah 6 (Chatan Torah)

- **M**oshe closes his final blessings by telling the people how fortunate they are.
- He climbs Har Nevo, Hashem shows him the whole land, and he dies there at 120. The Torah says no one knows where he is buried, and no prophet since has been like him.

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D'var Torah On The Parsha

Under The Tallit

On Simchat Torah, there's a moment where every child in the Shul, even the ones too young to read a single letter, gets called up to the Torah at once.

They crowd together under one big Tallit while an adult reads the aliyah on their behalf,

and the blessing said over them is

Yaakov's blessing to his grandchildren,

the same words parents say every Friday night.

This event is called Kol HaNe'arim. It's a unique

thing to build a tradition around: handing the

Torah's highest honor to people who can't do

anything with it yet. Kol HaNe'arim isn't a test of

readiness. It's the whole community saying, out

loud, that being counted comes before being

capable. What's the P'shat? The rest of the day

follows the same logic. We read the last line of

Devarim and open straight into Bereshit without

pausing to check if we're prepared. Simchat Torah

was never a reward for having learned enough. It's

an open invitation to whoever happens to be

standing there, child or adult, expert or beginner,

and this year the youngest ones get to go first.



KOSHER COMEDY CORNER

Q: Did you hear about the holy scroll Jews read?

A: It's Torah-fic.

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Parsha Pointers

- Moshe Rabbenu praises Hashem and the Jewish people.
- He gives every Shevet a blessing, except for Shevet Shimon.
- Hashem takes Moshe to the top of Har Nevo and shows him all of Eretz Yisrael.
- Moshe passes away, and Hashem buries him. No one knows where Moshe is buried.
- The Jews mourn for Moshe.
- The Torah ends by telling us that there will never be a Navi like Moshe, who performed so many awesome miracles for millions of Jews.

Chazak Chazak V'Nitchazek!



Fantastic, Fabulous, Fun Facts!!!

▲ Sefer Torah contains 79,976 words and has exactly 304,805 letters! It takes around a year for a Sefer Torah to be written.

RUSSIAN TERMS

Tora

Topa

Translation: Torah. This week's P'shat is the Tora edition.

Lyustra

люстра

Translation: Chandelier.

Zakonchilas

Закончилась

Translation: Ended. Sefer Devarim and the Torah ended! Chazak Chazak V'Nitchazek! We will restart it next week.

Halacha Of The Week

For those who missed it...

Halachot of Keli SheMelachto

LeHeter

▲ Mezuzah is considered like any other type of sacred scroll. Even though a person would be scared that it might become pasul, which would make you think that it would be considered muktzeh machmat chisaron kis (meaning an item that is set aside because it's expensive or because it has a specialized use), it is not a problem because people can use it to learn how to write the letters, or they can learn other laws of the mezuzah while handling it. Therefore, you are allowed to move it, even if it's very valuable.

This section is written by Moshe Pleshtiyev. These Halachot are based on the writings of the Chazon Ovadia.



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The Punchline

Simchat Torah is the one night everyone in Shul gets an Aliyah, including the guy who only comes for the Kiddush.

Riddle!!!

Q: What do you call a dip that is Kaddosh?

A: Holy guacamole!

Terrific Torah Thoughts

From The End To The Beginning

On Simchat Torah, we read all of Parsha Vezot HaBracha (the last Parsha in the Torah), and read the first Aliyah of Parsha Bereshit (the first Parsha of the Torah). We will read all of Parsha Bereshit next week.